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OUR CONFERENCE . . . OUR CHURCHES . . . OUR MISSION

The Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ has 130 churches scattered over portions of six states. Most of them are in the open country. Most of them have small memberships. Quite a number of them are in cities, having a comfortably large membership. Some are in towns with median memberships. But wherever the church, however large or small the membership, they all have one mission. That mission is "To preach the Gospel to all the world."

It makes one sad at heart to see how many churches in our conference have lost that vision. They are trying to "stay alive" by spending all they "take in" on themselves. They will die. No church can "live unto itself." No church can live by itself. Christ commanded the church to go and tell others of Him who came to save the world. St. Paul's question is well put: "How can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard, how can they hear without a preacher, and how can he preach except he be sent?" The "sending" is the mission of the church.

One may be sent in person — more than 500 are now at work throughout the world who have been sent by the United Church of Christ, and they have many thousands of native workers at their side. If one is not called to go in person, as our missionaries are, then he MUST go in purse — giving to support these who are impelled by the Holy Spirit to go in person. Our Christian World Mission is the agency and the avenue by which we travel to all the world; in "Jerusalem (your home community), in Judea (throughout the conference and nation), to Samaria (the foreign countries), even to the uttermost parts of the world." The church which ignores that call and refuses to support the organized effort to spread the gospel to all of God's world has cut off its lifeline and is bound to die. No church can survive on its own blood.

The needs are great. Only the church

of Jesus Christ can meet them. Most all our Associations have projects of church extension within their own bounds and use some of the money given by the churches to support and develop these new churches and strengthen the weak ones. The Southeast Conference has always been a mission-aided conference. We are trying to come to self-support. In that effort we keep, for the purpose of establishing new churches within our bounds, helping groups of churches support a stronger ministry, helping local churches support their ministers, 75c of every dollar sent to our conference office in Atlanta. This is necessary, for only as we have strong local churches can we have a strong conference.

Our associations, our conference and our mission boards can only spend for missions what is sent in for missions. When local churches refuse to send in their fair share it means that they suffer because they have no joy in their giving; the associations suffer because they have to report to the conference less than they should; and the conference is embarrassed because it does not have its share to send to our boards and agencies which are the outreach of every church in the fulfillment of its mission to "Go into all the world."

We have a long way to go to become a self-supporting conference. As the result of the fact that many churches do nothing, and many more do far less than their share, we send only about \$8,135 a year to our mission work beyond the conference program. At the same time, we receive, for work within

our conference, more than \$30,000 from our Board for Homeland Ministries every year. This means, of course, that we are the objects of the mission giving of other conferences of the United Church of Christ. This is not the result of our "poverty in purse" but of our lack of Christian commitment to the purpose and mission of the whole church.

The Stewardship Council is now sponsoring, in every area of the Southeast Conference, workshops for pastors and officers of local churches. They are being held in Atlanta, Birmingham, Chattanooga, and Lanett. All pastors and churches have been urged to participate. Those who do will go home with a new vision and a deeper understanding and commitment to the mission of the church and how each church can rise to the challenge and know-how in raising more money for Our Christian World Mission. These will be happy and prosperous churches as a result of their sharing in larger measure.

The associations and our conference can move on to a larger service for every need, and our denomination can take up the slack caused by our lack of giving and move on to new programs, waiting the results of the "Breakthrough" programs and to the "Target Ahead" undertaking of new work and services. The plan is to raise \$1,000,000 more in 1966 than we gave in 1965. Will YOUR church share in it by giving more this year than last? Local churches must give approximately 20% more this year than last if we meet the goal.

Will your church be among those who do, or will you be satisfied to "give the same as last year?" Our wages and salaries are up — why not pass along a due proportion to OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION?

Jesse H. Dollar, Chairman
Commission on Our Christian
World Mission,
Southeast Conference

Back To School

Bless the teachers into whose loving care we entrust our children. Endow them with Thy grace that they may be what they would teach. Grant, O God, that those whom they teach may grow in Thy stature and grace. Amen.

News From The Churches Of The Southeast Conference

Pleasant Hill Church

Has Interesting Quarter



Historic Midway

Church Calls Dr. Eaton As Pastor

Pictured above is the new edifice which houses the membership of Midway United Church of Christ (Midway Congregational Christian Church), at McIntosh, Georgia. This building was appropriately dedicated two years ago.

Organized in 1872 the church is located in Liberty County, Georgia, on the campus of the old Dorchester Academy which, prior to its closing in 1940, was the educational center for rural southeast Georgia.

An off-shoot of the original Congregational Church in the county, the church is now the only one of this denomination here.

For nearly 15 years its leadership has served a dual role. The director of the Dorchester Cooperative Center also pastored the church. In an effort to move toward independence and wider service as a church, the members recently called to the pulpit the Rev. Dr. James A. Eaton of Savannah, Georgia, who is working with the congregation toward closer alliance with the Southeast Conference.

The membership welcomes visitors. Among its recent guests was Dr. William J. Andes, Conference Minister and Superintendent of the Southeast Conference.

When traveling along the coastal area of Georgia, come in and visit a while. The building is located on U. S. Highway 82, two miles west of Midway.

A study course in "Honest to God", Bible School, a book review of Graham Green's THE COMEDIAN, and showings of the films PARABLE and LONELINESS OF THE LONG DISTANCE RUNNER were among the highlights of the past quarter at Pleasant Hill Community Church, stirring up interest and some controversy. One good experience with an evening discussion group encourages us to conduct some more short term study courses in the fall. The discussion and controversy about the two movies shown may develop into a film series this fall.

How to relate our Vacation Church School to all the varied government youth and school projects is a problem which must be thought out before another year is up.

The pastor of the Pleasant Hill Community Church was director of the Jr. Hi. and Sr. Hi. Summer Conference Camps, June 12-19, at Harrison Bay State Park near Chattanooga.

Youth Of Oak Grove Church, Pine Mountain,

Work For India Relief

The members of the UCY of Oak Grove Church, Pine Mountain, Georgia, with the support and help of their sponsors, conducted a vigorous fund raising campaign toward the India Famine Relief throughout the community. The young people contacted the residents of the community and explained the purpose of the campaign and asked for donations. Through the efforts of these young people \$75.26 was raised for the India Famine Relief.

On Sunday evening, August 28, the young people themselves conducted an inspiring "Dedication Service." The Dedication Service was based on the Scripture as found in Matthew 25:35-40.

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Dr. Arthur C. Curtright

The Rev. Dr. Arthur C. Curtright, pastor-emeritus of the First Congregational Church, Savannah, Georgia, departed this life Tuesday, August 30, 1966, at his residence in Savannah, Ga.

Mr. Curtright was for twenty years pastor of Savannah First Church. Prior to his ministry there he had a lengthy career as a distinguished teacher at Morehouse College and Savannah State College.

His immediate survivors are his widow, Mrs. Mollie Curtright, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Curtright Jr., and Arthur C. Curtright III.

Our conference has suffered a great loss in the passing of Dr. Arthur C. Curtright.

Mrs. Curtright's home address is: 3204 College Avenue, Savannah, Ga. 31404.

Rev. Otto L. Culpepper

To Blackwood Church, Headland, Alabama

After three years of a successful pastorate at the First Congregational Christian Church, Andalusia, Alabama, the Rev. Otto L. Culpepper begins a pastorate of the Blackwood Congregational Christian Church, Headland, Alabama, on October 1, 1966.

Miss Dora C. Brackin, the Recording Secretary of the Southeast Conference, is a member of the Blackwood Church.

The Rev. Joseph H. Brown resigned the pastorate of the Blackwood Church as of August 15, 1966, and returned to his home at 502 North Hathaway St., Crestview, Florida.

News From The Churches Of The Southeast Conference

Where Is Your Church In 'Our Christian World Mission Giving'?

(The figures given below represent all monies received for OCWM from January to August 31, 1966.)

ALABAMA

Alexander City, Antioch	0
Alexander City, Hunt	0
Alpine, King's Chapel	0
Andalusia, Antioch	0
Andalusia, First	26.
Anniston, First	0
Arley, Robertson's Chapel	15.
Ashland, Bethel	0
Athens, Trinity	0
Birmingham, First	315.
Birmingham, Pilgrim	907.
Birmingham, St. John's	283.
Brantley, Indian Creek	0
Brantley, Liberty	0
Caddo, Cong'l. Christian	125.
Clio, New Hope	0
Cullman, St. John's	370.
Dadeville, Elder	186.
East Tallassee, Cong'l. Chr.	300.
Eclectic, Watson's Chapel	0
Five Points, State Line	0
Garden City, Cong'l.	160.
Hackleburg, Fairview	0
Haleyville, Union Grove	0
Hanceville, Mt. Grove	0
Headland, Blackwood	304.
Houston, Liberty Hill	0
Huntsville, United	1,764.
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	0
Lanett, Cong'l. Christian	2,485.
Lanett, Huguley	0
Langdale, Cong'l. Christian	1,376.
Lineville, New Harmony	0
Marion, First	0
Midland City, Chr. Hill	0
Montgomery, First	0
Montgomery, United	311.
Moulton, Jones Chapel	0
Mt. Creek, Union	0
Phenix City, First	10.
Phenix City, Russell Woods	0

Pisgah, Cong'l. Christian	0	Hampton, County Line	0
Roanoke, Antioch	30.	LaGrange, Hillside	0
Roanoke, Bethany	0	LaGrange, United	637.
Roanoke, First	0	Macon, First	0
Roanoke, Forest Home	0	Meansville, First	0
Roanoke, Lowell	292.	McIntosh, Midway	0
Roanoke, Mt. Zion	0	Pearson, Union Hill	0
Roanoke, New Hope	0	Pine Mountain, Oak Grove	400.
Roanoke, Rock Springs	0	Richland, First	0
Roanoke, Rock Stand	0	Richland, Providence Chapel	0
Roanoke, Sweet Home	0	Savannah, First	0
Selma, First	15.	Thomasville, Bethany	0
Seman, Community	0	Tifton, First	0
Shawmut, Todd	0	Tifton, Vanceville	0
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	0	Waycross, Williams Chapel	120.
Tallassee, Mt. Olive	0	West Point, Bethel	0
Talladega, First	0	Woodbury, Jones Chapel	0
Town Creek, Old Liberty	0		
Wadley, Beulah	0		
Wadley, Christian	410.	KENTUCKY	
Wadley, Corinth	0	Evarts, First	674.
Wedowee, Caver's Grove	0	Stearns, Community	10.
Wedowee, Noon Day	0		
Wetumpka, Balm of Gilead	0	MISSISSIPPI	
		Tougaloo, Union	25.
		FLORIDA	
Baker, Good Hope	0	SOUTH CAROLINA	
Baker, Pyron's Chapel	0	Charleston, Circular	0
Bonifay, New Effort	0	Charleston, Plymouth	100.
Crestview, Dorcas	0		
		GEORGIA	
Ambrose, Christian	10.	TENNESSEE	
Atlanta, Carroll Heights	0	Belvidere, First	1,354.
Atlanta, Center	500.	Chattanooga, First	0
Atlanta, Central	4,403.	Chattanooga, Pilgrim	3,204.
Atlanta, First	400.	Crossville, First	304.
Atlanta, Rush Memorial	0	Daisy, Cong'l. Christian	0
Barnesville, Fredonia	315.	Deer Lodge, Cong'l.	158.
Baxley, Friendship	0	Glen Mary, Cong'l.	67.
Beachton, Evergreen	0	Knoxville, First	0
Bowman, Liberty	0	Nashville, Brookmeade	224.
Braselton, Macedonia	0	Nashville, First	2,140.
Bristol, Antioch	0	Nashville, Fisk Union	100.
Buford, Duncan's Creek	0	Nashville, Howard	125.
Columbus, First	0	Pleasant Hill, Community	515.
Columbus, United	100.	Robbins, Barton Chapel	69.
Crest, Hebron	0	Soddy, First	0
Demorest, Federated	200.	Sweetwater, First	0
Doerun, New Light	0		
Doerun, Poplar Arbor	0	OTHER	90.
Douglas, First	0		
Enigma, Christian	0		
Gaillard, Pleasant Hill	0	TOTAL	26,008.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

On Being Settled!

Having just moved, we in the Southeast Conference staff know something of the travails of thousands of homes across the land. Our nation is on the move. Many move quickly. Many have furniture long delayed in coming. The Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock has been in Atlanta for some time now and still no furniture. She and her aunt are camping out in their recently purchased house at 2925 Appling Drive, Chamblee, Ga. 30005. After this time a telephone has just been installed, Atlanta: 451-6975.

Others move without much delay in plans. Your Conference Minister, Rev. W. J. Andes, and family are now at 2084 South Akin Drive, N. E., Atlanta, Ga. 30329. Their telephone number is Atlanta 636-5516. The moving van was two days late in loading but then came directly through to Atlanta. In the city of Atlanta, apparently many people are moving. It takes days and sometimes weeks to get a telephone installed, gas and electricity all ready to use.

Moving people need a firm faith. Yet many never put roots down in a community nor unite with a church. When the disciples of Jesus Christ moved out across the earth, they became witnesses of this risen and living Christ, establishing new churches as they went and renewing their faith at the fountain of communion with God in Christ. The church of today needs to remember those on the move!

WE NEED THE CHURCH

"I need the church and the church needs me. Many fine people over the world are missing the inspiration and

World-Wide Communion

Many of our churches will want to observe World-Wide Communion on Sunday, October 2. To think that the churches of many faiths are joining hand and heart in this service is a step toward answering the prayer of our Lord that "they may be one." Make this a special service in your church. If there are people from other lands visiting or living near your church, invite them to share in the service. Messages from missionaries, service men and others who have seen and who know conditions across the world would be uplifting. Let prayers be lifted for fellow Christians and let a sense of "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" prevail (Ephesians 4:3).

Ephesians 4:1-6, Luke 14:1-11, Hebrews 4:9-13, Matthew 12:1-8, and Psalm 75:4-7 are good scripture readings and lessons for the day.

"Do this in remembrance of me," said Jesus. And for the sake of all humanity may we gather around the Lord's Table with fellow Christians throughout the world on October 2nd.

Things You Just Can't Do

Sow bad habits, and reap good character.

Sow jealousy and hatred, and reap love and friendship.

Sow dissipation, and reap a healthy body.

Sow deception, and reap confidence.

Sow cowardice, and reap courage.

Sow neglect of the Bible, and reap a well-guided life.

— These Times

spiritual counsel that the church gives, and with it the opportunity to do something creative and lasting for others. Now is the time for every man, woman and child to become a vital part of the church whose supreme purpose is the welfare of humanity, the bringing of persons of all races and classes into a harmonious and joyful relation with God, and the pointing of all to Jesus Christ as not only the world's greatest Teacher but also our present Counselor, Saviour, and Friend."

— Paul E. Folkers

DOES GOD CARE?

"Casting all your cares upon Him; for He careth for you." I Peter 5:7.

I suppose all of us at one time or another has asked the question, "Does God Care?" Maybe we have not allowed the words to escape our lips, yet had them in our thoughts. David, a man "after God's own heart," when he saw the wicked prospering more than the righteous in a way asked if God cared.

1) God does care enough for His children to surround them with unlimited protection. In distress the Psalmist said "In my distress I cried unto the Lord and He heard me." Jesus said of his protection in temptation "I will not allow thee to be tempted above that ye are able to bear."

2) God cares enough that he adds "provision" to protection. There must be ample food and shelter. These he has unstintingly provided. Paul, writing to the Philippians said, "But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ." Phil. 4:19. If there is a need in someone's life it may be our fault instead of theirs, BUT it is never God's fault.

3) God cares enough to provide the necessary instruction for our well-being. A responsible father will equip his children with education for a more comfortable living. This God has done by leading the human race from its lowest stages of mental and moral development to the present state of intellectual leadership. Paul, writing to Timothy said, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God."

4) Lastly, God cares enough to discipline us. Does this thought fail to enrage us? Often it does. But we need remember a race without discipline is a race gone wild. The writer to the Hebrews said, "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." God cared enough for all of us that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Devotional by Rev. Ralph D. Worley, Pastor,

Lowell Church, Roanoke, Ala.

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65 Plus Club Members

Take Tour Of Old West

"Go West, young man" was the advice the traveling members of the 65 Plus Club took this year for their annual bus trip. At 4:00 o'clock on a Monday morning the Ingram bus rolled out of Tallassee with the group headed for eighteen states, including all the northwestern ones.

No one wanted to miss anything so it was agreed to leave at 4:00 a. m. each day. The ride through Arkansas brought memories of what many remembered as "The Arkansas Traveler." And to see the rice fields in Missouri was a new sight and much different from our own cotton fields.

The beautiful rolling hills of Kansas and the grain fields of Nebraska looked much like the pictures in the geography book studied many years ago. The Rocky Mountains of Colorado were colorful and beautiful.

Leaving Cheyenne, Wyoming, it was an all-day ride across that state to the point and climax of our trip, Yellowstone National Park. It was time to get the warm clothing out as the temperature was in the low 30's. We stayed at the Canyon Village Motel, and soon everyone was settled in their rooms and getting ready for the big trip into the park. The driver, Dwight Crosier, was kind and well informed about the park, and made the trip one long to be remembered. One of the most looked-for sights was the big bear. It was soon expected after seeing a long line of cars. There was a "bear jam" (people stop to see the bears).

Old Faithful, the largest geyser, which spouts into the air about every hour more than 100 feet, is one of the world's greatest wonders. The Old Faithful Inn is made of logs and is one of the scenic Old West inns. After a beautiful, sunny day, late in the afternoon, snow began to fall and by the time the inn was reached there was snow everywhere.

Two days were not enough in which to see but little of the park. But early morning found the travelers on their way. Idaho, the potato state, was very colorful with the new potato plants and the huge underground storage for the potatoes was seen along the route.

The Oregon Trail of 1840, which was

the scene of one of the greatest migrations in American history, is today a modern Oregon Trail.

Out of the state of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, into the big state of Montana. The lunch stop was in Harlowton, where the manager of the Graves Hotel had prepared a banquet lunch. Then Mr. Schmelling of the Schmelling Studio came out and made pictures. Mr. Harold G. Stearns, editor of the Harlowton Times, and Mrs. Stearns, came and interviewed the group. Everyone will always remember the hospitality of the folk in Harlowton.

North and South Dakota, with all the grain fields, looked much like a checkerboard. In Lemmon, South Dakota, a short visit to the Petrified Wood Forest Park gave a vivid glimpse of pioneer Dakota history.

After a night in Watertown, South Dakota, early rising and into the state of Minnesota, many miles of farm lands and the large red barns and farm houses became a familiar sight.

Paducah, Kentucky, was the last night before returning home. Arriving in Alabama at lunch time, it was a treat to see Miss USA, who was leaving for another tour.

"Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home." Hundreds of 65 Plus Club members and friends were on hand to greet the traveling club when the bus pulled into the Tallassee station. Before leaving the bus there was a prayer of thanks to God for a safe trip and a safe return, and to all the wonderful people who helped make another trip possible.

Those who made the trip are as follows: Mrs. Merle Baker, Mrs. Luna Barker, Mrs. Miriam Fralic, Mrs. Dera Coleman, Mrs. Esther Hicks, Mrs. Ruby Christian, Mrs. Ila Hornsby, Mrs. Rosa Hornsby, Mrs. Bessie Golden, Mrs. Rosa Belle Holman, Miss Willa Durden, Mrs. Ruby Scroggins, Mrs. Lurline Caldwell, Miss Nettie Gresham, Mrs. Hulett Hatchett, Mrs. Gertie Wisener, Mrs. Irene Whitman, Mrs. Bessie Hornsby, Mrs. Mary Clanton, Mrs. Iris Pemberton, Mrs. Florence Alexander, Mrs. Lucy Lackey, Mrs. Lee Hammock, Mrs. Jettie Fuller, Mrs. Willie Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Logan (leaders), Jim Pearson, Walter Mullins, Mr. W. S. Ingram (bus driver), and Mrs. Ingram.

Mrs. Jettie Logan

LET'S GO TO CHURCH!

Whatever criticism might be made of the church, it is still the world's one institution which has as its central purpose and only reason for existence, the cultivation of Christian character, the reclamation of men and women of all classes and races for Christ and His cause, and the making of a better world.

The church stands for the spiritual, social, cultural and economic uplift of all persons, and has within it the teachings whereby, if practiced, all nations, races and individuals can live in peace and harmony together.

Worshiping together in the House of God does something for us which, though we cannot explain, we can experience. By bowing our heads and opening our hearts in prayer, by singing the inspiring and challenging hymns, and by giving heed to the reading of the Divine Word and the presentation of the good news of the Gospel, we may become recipients of the Divine Power which enables us to live victoriously even under the most difficult circumstances. In the House of God not only can we learn that our sins may be forgiven, but by desire and faith and surrender our lives may actually be cleansed and regenerated by the Power of God.

From "The Pilgrim News"

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Be Still, My Soul

Perhaps it is one of the last things we ought to do when we first enter upon His service; namely to let ourselves down, with all our cares, and rest in His almighty arms. And yet it is one of the first lessons the Good Shepherd constrains His following sheep to learn. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside waters of quietness."

Before we can work without friction, without exhaustion, and without waste of strength, He teaches us to be still. He sets us free from the energy of the flesh and from the fret and disquietudes of the natural man. Here again is the secret of all progress in our knowledge of God, "Be still, and know that I am God."

— Author Unknown

Fall Association Meetings

Below are listed the dates and places of the Acting Association meetings as the Southeast Conference office has them to date:

North Alabama: October 1st

Place not known

Tennessee-Kentucky: October 8th

Place not known

East Alabama: October 12th

Todd Church, Shawmut, and
October 13th,
Langdale Cong'l. Christian

Georgia-S. C.: October 14th

United Church, Columbus, Ga.

S. Ala.-N. W. Fla.: October 15th

Place not known

Central Alabama: October 16th

Balm of Gilead Church,
Seman, Alabama

Ala.-Tenn. Region: October 18th

Place not known

As a general rule, each church is entitled to three (3) delegates for the first one hundred (100) members or fraction thereof. All ministers who are in good and regular standing are expected to attend. Visitors are also welcome.

Dr. F. C. Lester of High Point, N. C., will be our guest missions speaker at most of the meetings. He and his wife do not return from a trip in which they visited many mission stations around the world until the last of September. Their daughter, Elizabeth, has been teaching in Japan for several years. After visiting her they were able to see glimpses of our church work in many lands. Dr. Lester will have a message that you will want to hear.

Rev. Horace S. Sills, of the Town and Country Department, Board for Homeland Ministries, will also visit

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United Nations-

Washington Seminar

October 17-21, 1966

THEME: Peace: Ethics, Economics, Politics

MAJOR EMPHASIS: World Poverty
China and the U. S.

At the request of last year's participants in the UN-Washington Seminar, the Council for Christian Social Action is again sponsoring a joint New York-Washington Seminar. This year, under the theme "Peace: Ethics, Economics, and Politics." The two main purposes will be to examine world economics through the United Nations Development Programme and U. S. Aid Programs, and the future of the People's Republic of China at the U. N. and in U. S. foreign policy.

TIME AND PLACE: The Seminar will begin at 1:00 p. m., October 17, at the Church Center for the United Nations at 44th Street and First Avenue in New York. The participants will proceed by chartered bus on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at noon, to Washington where the Seminar will be continued until Friday afternoon.

COST: The cost of the Seminar will include a \$25.00 registration fee. This fee will cover packet materials, one meal in New York, two in Washington, rental fees for meeting rooms at the Church Center for the UN, plus bus fare from the Tudor Hotel in New York to the Roger Smith Hotel in Washington. All other expenses will be borne

with several of the associations. Many of us are anxious to make a study of some of our churches which are typical of the majority of the churches in our conference. Mr. Sills is particularly qualified to do this study, but he needs to take a general look at our conference before undertaking such a study. As he speaks, we should prepare questions so that a good discussion can follow his message.

The moderator of his Executive Committee of each Acting Association will have a good program for our churches as they meet this fall. Why not join them!

by the participants.

ACCOMMODATIONS: In New York, delegates will be housed in the **Tudor Hotel**, 340 East 42nd Street, and in Washington at the **Roger Smith Hotel**, 18th Street and Pennsylvania Ave., N. W. The rates per night per person are listed below:

Tudor	Roger Smith
\$7.00	Single \$9.00
\$6.00	Double \$6.25
\$6.50	Twin \$7.50

As registrations are received we will send hotel reservation forms.

FOR WHOM: This Seminar is for adults. For information regarding the Fall Youth Seminar, write to the Youth Ministry, United Church of Christ, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. Small scholarship aid will be available for this seminar and it is hoped that aid will be available from the budgets of conference or association Social Committees.

Those who wish to attend should fill in the application below and send it to: Miss Hazel Johns, Room 9E, 777 UN Plaza, New York, N. Y. 10017.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR UN SEMINAR OCTOBER 17-21 1966

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City _____ State _____

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Church _____
Conference _____

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NEIGHBORS IN NEED

WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

Minority groups in our urban complexes are exploited and are denied the rights and privileges that any human being should expect. By helping urban communities organize for action to solve their own problems, by helping to create an atmosphere that will allow dialogue with minority groups, we can do much to bring order out of the chaos that is rapidly developing in the ghettos of our large cities. You can contribute to this work by supporting the all-church offering for Neighbors in Need.

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WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

Thousands of GI's in staging areas in Korea, Okinawa, the Philippines and Vietnam are confronted with strange cultures and situations in which they need Christian understanding and guidance. The rapid escalation of the undeclared war in Vietnam has made necessary a rapid 30% increase in Christian service centers.

The Methodists and United Presbyterians USA are furnishing 70% of the funds and half of the personnel for the existing service centers. The fall offering for Neighbors in Need will allow the United Church of Christ to do its share in expanding this needed service to our GI's.

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WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

Increasing numbers of American Indians, especially young people, are seeking a new life in our large cities and towns and bordering reservations. They stand in need of encouragement and religious counsel as they strive to develop a more responsible role for themselves and their people in our American society. Scholarships are needed for seminary students to work with social workers in Los Angeles and other cities to which Indians are rapidly migrating. A ministry is also needed on Route 66 to help towns bordering reservations plan for and adjust to the rapid influx of Indians. By

supporting Neighbors in Need you help provide funds for these ministries.

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WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

1,747 churches of the United Church of Christ — one-fourth of our congregations — have memberships of less than 100. Specific solutions for problems of the small churches faced with declining memberships and strength can be found through mergers, program guidance and leadership training. An interdenominational conference will be held to discuss and make plans that will contribute to the solution of many problems confronting small churches. The United Church of Christ has been asked to provide 300 delegates for this conference. When you give to Neighbors in Need you help make it possible for the United Church of Christ to be adequately represented at these discussions.

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WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

The build-up of Cuban refugees in Dade County, Florida, presents a tremendous challenge to the Protestant as well as the Catholic churches. Through united effort Protestant denominations can help Cuban refugees find a legitimate place in our church, our society, and our nation. We are already involved in this cooperative effort and have done much to help locate and rehabilitate Cuban families. Our present efforts are important but must be expanded. Your gifts for Neighbors in Need will help enlarge our programs of service for Cuban refugees.

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Service to crippled and handicapped Puerto Rican children in the area of Ryder Memorial Hospital is and will be almost impossible until the hospital is given the necessary equipment and facilities to carry on therapeutic and rehabilitative work. Our church-supported hospital in Humacao provides the only hospital care available to the

SEC Youth Officers Meet

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl N. Sanford, Atlanta, was the scene of a meeting of the Southeast Conference Youth Executive Committee September 9th-11th. Early arrivals in Atlanta found time to ride the elevators in a downtown office building, and frustrations ran high when they learned that, although they had been instructed to meet a Trailways bus, someone had moved the bus station! Finally, all arrived at Sanford's home — hungry — whereupon Mrs. Sanford launched on a meal preparation marathon that lasted until after Sunday morning breakfast!

Several planning sessions were held, interrupting meals and recreation, but providing opportunity to think through the future of the Southeast area Youth Ministry. Plans are projected for a Training Session for local, association, and conference youth officers and advisors December 27th-29th. Youth and advisors should save these dates and watch for further details.

The Annual Meeting to be held in Nashville next spring was also discussed. A new format is proposed, devoting less time to business and more to learning the meaning of Christian vocation. Officers plan to go to Nashville early in December to finalize plans with the host young people.

Discussion included also proposals to broaden the summer program of senior high youth so as to include service projects and the possibility of a conference camp site. Recommendations concerning these will come through the Youth Work Chairman to the Christian Education Commission.

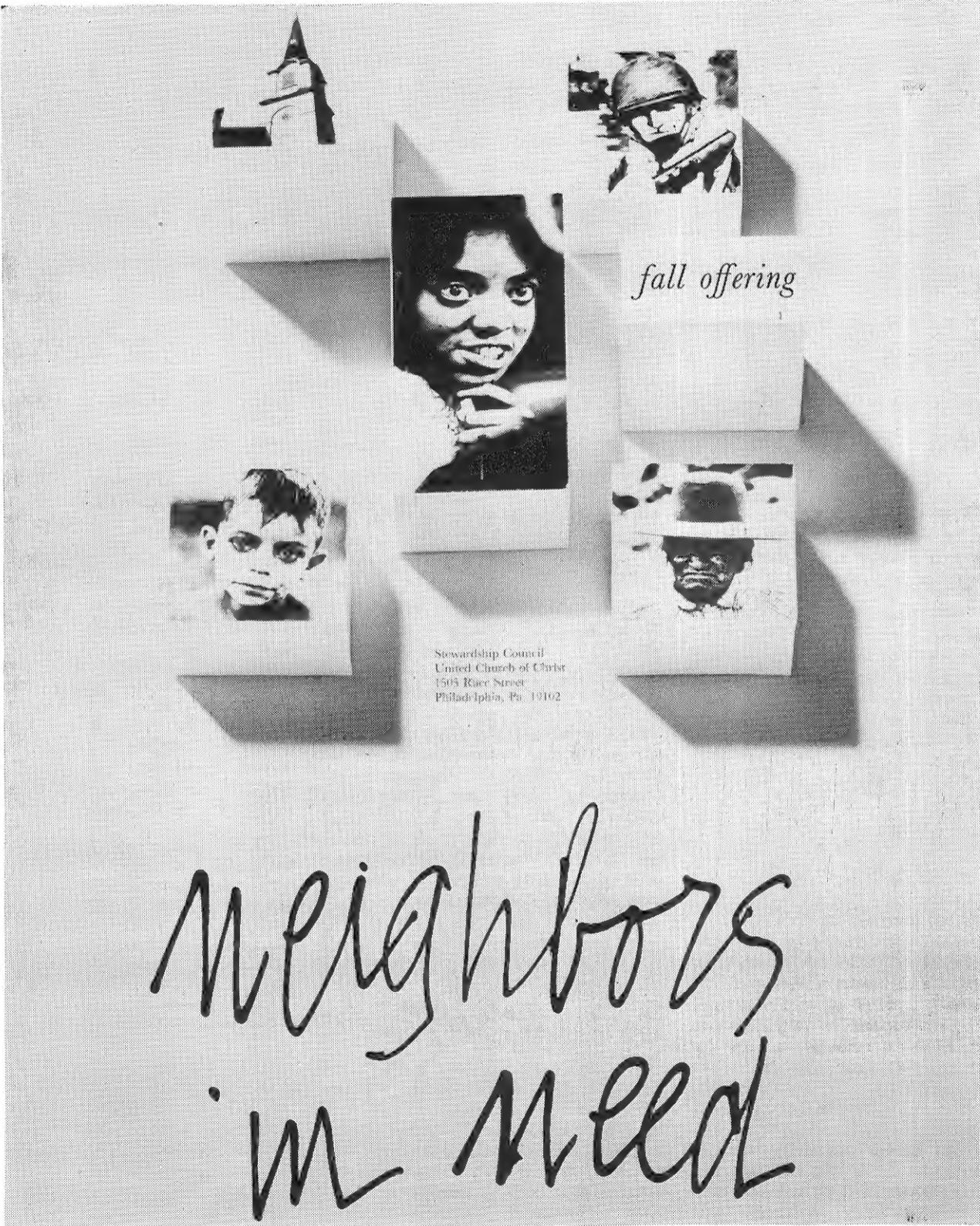
Following the sumptuous Saturday night cook-out, the officers went to see "The Glass Bottom Boat," played darts until all hours, and then were awakened just in time on Sunday morning to dress, eat breakfast, and attend church service. "I had a blast" said one of the officers as he left.

people in the eastern part of the island. Your gifts to the Neighbors in Need fall offering will help Ryder Memorial Hospital serve the disadvantaged Puerto Rican children.

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